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Report from Ponce.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, June 3 and 15, through the chief quarantine officer, as follows:

Summary of transactions of service during the month of May, 1904.

Vessels inspected.....	12
Bills of health issued.....	22
Passengers inspected (in transit).....	446
Passengers inspected (incoming).....	70
Crew inspected.....	644
Vessels in quarantine.....	1
Immigrants inspected.....	35
Rejection.....	1
Passengers detained in quarantine.....	0
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	0

Vital statistics.

Number of causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, plays, and surrounding country) during the month of May, 1904.

Diseases of:		Accidents.....	1
Digestive system.....	36	Tuberculosis.....	5
Nervous system.....	2	Enteric fever.....	1
Circulatory system.....	6	Convulsions.....	5
Respiratory system.....	19	Without official data.....	18
Malarial fever.....	15		
Hydroemias.....	4	Total.....	157
Anemias, inanition.....	22		
Nephritis.....	1	May, 1903:	
Old age.....	3	Deaths.....	151
Metritis.....	5	Births.....	114
Rhachitis.....	6	May, 1904:	
Congenital malformation.....	6	Deaths.....	157
Cancer.....	2	Births.....	149

Foreign and insular statistic reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.

AUSTRIA—*Brunn*.—Month of April, 1904. Estimated population, 95,342. Total number of deaths, 252, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 2, scarlet fever 7, and 59 from tuberculosis.

BRAZIL—*Ceara*.—Month of April, 1904. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths, 185, including 14 from enteric fever.

CANADA—*British Columbia—Victoria*.—Month of May, 1904. Estimated population, 21,000. Total number of deaths, 17, including 2 from tuberculosis.

CUBA—*Habana*.—Month of January, 1904. Estimated population, 273,000. Total number of deaths, 520, including diphtheria 4, enteric fever 6, measles 3, scarlet fever 14, and 114 from tuberculosis.

FORMOSA.—Month of April, 1904. Estimated population, 2,797,543. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from enteric fever, and 1,036 deaths from plague reported.

FRANCE—*Marseille*.—Month of May, 1904. Estimated population, 491,161. Total number of deaths, 799, including diphtheria 6, enteric fever 9, measles 10, scarlet fever 1, whooping cough 1, and 84 from tuberculosis.

GERMANY—*Weimar*.—Month of May, 1904. Census population, 30,606. Total number of deaths, 49, including diphtheria 2, and 1 from enteric fever.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 76 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended June 11, 1904, correspond to an annual rate of 14.1 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 15,271,287.

London.—One thousand one hundred and eighty-seven deaths were registered during the week, including measles 62, scarlet fever 4, diphtheria 9, whooping cough 28, enteric fever 5, and diarrhea 26. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 13.3 per 1,000. In Greater London 1,617 deaths were registered. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 2 from diphtheria, 9 from measles, and 5 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended June 11, 1904, in the 21 principal town districts of Ireland was 18.1 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,093,289. The lowest rate was recorded in Sligo, viz, 4.8, and the highest in Kilkenny, viz, 39.3 per 1,000. In Dublin and suburbs 143 deaths were registered, including enteric fever 1, measles 1, scarlet fever 1, whooping cough 1, and 44 from tuberculosis.

Scotland.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended June 11, 1904, correspond to an annual rate of 16.2 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,726,236. The lowest rate of mortality was recorded in Greenock, viz, 11.2, and the highest in Perth, viz, 29.2 per 1,000. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 536, including diphtheria 4, measles 16, scarlet fever 3, smallpox 3, and 21 from whooping cough.

HAWAII—*Honolulu*.—Month of May, 1904. Census population, 39,306. Total number of deaths, 80, including enteric fever 4, plague 1, and 11 from tuberculosis.

JAMAICA—*Kingston*.—Month of May, 1904. Estimated population, 46,542. Total number of deaths, 118, including 21 from phthisis pulmonalis.

JAPAN—*Nagasaki*.—Ten days ended May 20, 1904. Estimated population, 154,727. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from diphtheria and 6 deaths from smallpox reported.

Eleven days ended May 31, 1904. Estimated population, 154,927. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from diphtheria and 7 deaths from smallpox reported.

JAVA—*Batavia*.—Weeks ended April 23 and May 14, 1904. Estimated population, 160,000. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from smallpox reported.

PORTO RICO.—Month of April, 1904. Estimated population,

953,243. Total number of deaths 1,668, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 10, and 139 from tuberculosis.

URUGUAY—*Montevideo*.—Month of April, 1904. Estimated population, 284,107. Total number of deaths, 402, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 21, scarlet fever 48, smallpox 1, and 46 from tuberculosis.

WEST INDIES—*St. Thomas*.—Weeks ended May 13 and May 27, 1904. Estimated population, 11,012. Total number of deaths, 8 and 6, respectively. No contagious diseases.

Cholera, yellow fever, plague, and smallpox, June 25 to July 1, 1904.

[Reports received by the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, from United States consuls through the Department of State and from other sources.]

[For reports received from December 26, 1903, to June 24, 1904, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for June 24, 1904.]

[NOTE.—In accordance with custom, the tables of epidemic diseases are terminated semiannually and new tables begun.]

CHOLERA.

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
China: Hongkong.....	May 15-28.....	13	12	Two cases on ss. Ping Shan, from Saigon.

YELLOW FEVER.

Brazil: Rio de Janeiro.....	May 9-22.....	19	5	On ss. Habana, from Progreso.
Mexico: Tampico	June 12-18.....	1	
Veracruz	June 25.....	1	
Peru: Rio Chiclayo	May 19.....	2	

PLAGUE.

Chile: Antofagasta	May 19.....	15	Spreading. Two cases on unknown steamships from Amoy and Shek Loong.
China: Canton	May 28.....	
Hongkong.....	May 15-28.....	62	60	
Formosa: Ensuiko	May 15-28.....	123	80	
Kagi.....	May 15-28.....	85	82	On S. S. Korea from Hongkong via Amoy, Shanghai, and Nagasaki.
Kelung	May 15-28.....	3	3	
Pescadores	May 15-28.....	1	
Shinko	May 15-28.....	5	2	
Taihoku	May 15-28.....	13	13	
Tainan	May 15-28.....	335	288	
Toroku	May 15-28.....	31	18	
Hawaii: Honolulu.....	June 21.....	1	
Japan: Kobe	May 31.....	1	
Peru: Callao	May 27-June 4.....	4	
Lima	May 22-28.....	13	4	Number of cases from Oct., 1903, to May 15, 1904, 224.
Payta.....	May 29-June 4.....	11	7	
South Africa: Cape Colony (Port Elizabeth).	May 15-21.....	2	